

## **Minutes of Board Meeting**

**December 2, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **Present**

Lynda Coker  
Jeff Wigington  
Anthony Heath  
Dawn Cartee  
Hubert Parker

### **Not Present**

David Connell  
Jeff Markey

Present via teleconference was Rachel Little and Todd Cowan. Also attending the meeting from the State Attorney General's Office was Ms. Amy Radley.

### **Establish Quorum/Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Lynda Coker confirmed the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

### **Oath of Office**

Vice-Chairman Lynda Coker gave the Oath of Office to our newest DDS Board members, Dawn Cartee and Hubert Parker. They both were appointed by the Speaker of the House, David Ralston, in November 2015.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chairman Lynda Coker called for a motion regarding the minutes from the October 14, 2015 board meeting. A motion was made by Dawn Cartee to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented; Jeff Wigington seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Mikell began by briefing the Board on the performance of the CSC's for October and November. For the month of October, our busiest month in the history of the department, we had over 361,700 transactions. We served over 100,000 transactions more than we did in October of 2011. Our average statewide wait-time was 10 minutes and 22 seconds. For the month of October, 59 CSC's met the goal of serving 95% of our customers within 30 minutes or less. For the month of November, we had over 277,400 transactions. Our average statewide wait-time was 11 minutes and 48 seconds. For the month of November, 54 CSC's met the goal of serving 95% of our customers within 30 minutes or less.

Commissioner Mikell presented a PowerPoint to the Board acknowledging Ms. Sandra Young of the Carrollton CSC as the Georgia DDS 2015 AAMVA International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) of the Year winner. Ms. Young attended the board meeting and was introduced to the Board. She was

recognized for her exceptional customer service, her strong leadership and for her inspiration to others. The 2015 IDEC other nominees were: Caleb Faw (District 1); Dinka Keown (District 3); Carlotta Jackson (District 4); Kim Glasgo (District 5); Judy Everage (District 6); Thomas Perry (District 7); Sarah Hall (District 8); and Selma Patterson (District 9).

Commissioner Mikell informed the Board that DDS had the honor of attending the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) annual Excalibur Awards Ceremony as one of their finalists. The TAG organization is a consolidation of different public and private IT groups. Commissioner was pleased to announce that DDS was named the winner of the Excalibur Award in public/non-profit category. Commissioner Mikell thanked all involved for their hard work on this project.

Commissioner Mikell informed the Board of our participation in the Race Against Violence (RAV) 5K road race in Conyers. Through personal donations from team members, DDS was a gold sponsor of this year's race. All race proceeds benefit the Project Renewal Battered Women's Shelter (serving Rockdale, Newton, and Walton Counties) and the Rockdale County Task Force Against Family Violence. A photograph of the participants was shared with the Board.

Commissioner Mikell updated the Board on the recent media coverage regarding the identical twins in Albany, GA, the super speeder fines mentioned in the AJC, the Governor's Executive Order regarding Syrian Refugees and the Data Breach with the Secretary of State's office.

Commissioner Mikell gave an update on facilities. A PowerPoint presentation showed the clean and new look of the remodeled Thomaston CSC. The presentation also showed the latest update of the Dallas CSC. The Atlanta CSC is making great process and hopes to begin operation at the new location by January 12, 2016. Commissioner Mikell thanked the facilities team of Mickey Rawls, Derek Prosser, Tony Burch, and Granderson Hamilton for their hard work with the remodeling and the upkeep of all our facilities.

Mike Mitchell, Legislative Liaison, briefed the Board on DDS' legislative agenda for the 2016 Session, which begins on January 11, 2016. Every September, the Governor's Office sends an email to all agency heads requesting legislative proposals for the upcoming legislative session. We submitted our proposals in September, and in November we received a response on which items we can move forward on. The three legislative proposals approved for 2016 are as follows: (1) transitioning to a single-term 8-year driver's license and ID card for U.S. citizens, (2) creating a statute of limitations on suspensions triggered by convictions not reported in a timely manner, and (3) amending the definition of a Class C vehicle to include three-wheel auto cycles.

Commissioner Mikell informed of the Board of the recent passing of one of our employees, Ms. Peggy Martin. Ms. Martin had already retired from the agency, but was working as a part-time employee at the Calhoun CSC. Commissioner Mikell shared his personal experiences about the pleasure of knowing Ms. Martin. Her presence will be missed.

#### **Rule for Initial Approval**

Angelique McClendon, General Counsel, reviewed the following rule:

**375-5-2-.18**

Insurance and Safety Requirements

Anthony Heath motioned to approve the initial rule for adoption; Dawn Cartee seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

### **Citizen Waivers**

Stacy Cason – She is seeking a Georgia driver's license. She is 61 years old. She is missing a citizenship document related to the Child Citizenship Act of 2000. She has a copy of her birth certificate, a copy of her father's naturalization document, a copy of her mother's naturalization document, a copy of her children's birth certificate, a marriage certificate, a personal letter, a Georgia driver's license, a Social Security card and newspaper article referencing her. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated that the department supports the approval of the waiver pursuant to USCIS regulations.

Anthony Heath motioned to approve the waiver; Jeff Wigington seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Derek Hall – He is seeking a Georgia driver's license. He is 49 years old. He is missing documentation to establish citizenship by the Child Citizenship Act of 2000. He has a copy of his birth certificate, a copy of his father's birth certificate from the state of Georgia, a copy of his mother's birth certificate from the state of Georgia, a copy of his father's military record, a class picture, a copy of his father's DD214, copies of his school records, a copy of his selective service document, a Georgia driver's license, and a newspaper article referencing his name. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated that the department supports the approval of the waiver pursuant to USCIS regulations.

Jeff Wigington motioned to approve the waiver; Dawn Cartee seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Anthony Matthie - He is seeking a Georgia driver's license. He is 34 years old. He is missing documentation to establish derivative citizenship to meet the requirements of USCIS regulation known as the Child Citizenship Act of 2000. He has a copy of his Certificate of Foreign Birth, a copy of his Adoption decree, an Order of Immigration from a judge, and his mother's passport. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated that the department does not support the approval of the waiver because Mr. Matthie has not presented any naturalization documents of his parents.

Dawn Cartee motioned to deny the waiver; Hubert Parker seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Astrid Mazzeella – She is seeking a Georgia driver's license. She is 66 years old. She is missing documentation to establish derivative citizenship through the Child Citizenship Act of 2000. She has a copy of her birth certificate, a copy of her school record, a copy of her father and her mother's naturalization documents, a copy of marriage certificate, a 1972 divorce decree, a copy of her marriage record, a 2006 divorce decree, a copy of her Wisconsin driver's license, and a Numident letter. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated that the department supports the approval of the waiver pursuant to USCIS regulations.

Jeff Wigington motioned to approve the waiver; Hubert Parker seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Josie Quintana – She is seeking a Georgia ID. She is 98 years old. She is missing her birth certificate and marriage license. She has a copy of her certificate of baptism from 1916, a copy of her child's birth certificate, a Medicare card, an expired California ID card, and a Social Security card. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated that the department supports the approval of the waiver because she obtained all the necessary documents she could due to her age.

Hubert Parker motioned to approve the waiver; Jeff Wigington seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Maurice Wilcox – He is seeking a Georgia driver's license. He is 44 years old. He is missing his birth certificate. He has a copy of his birth not found letter, a copy of his school record, a copy of his child's birth certificate, a copy of his marriage application, a motor vehicle report, a Georgia ID card, a copy of an application for a delayed birth certificate, a Social Security card, and proof of residence document. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated that the department supports the approval this waiver because he has submitted all possible documents and proof that he has applied for a delayed birth certificate.

Anthony Heath motioned to approve the waiver; Jeff Wigington seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Gerhard Wimbauer – He is seeking a Georgia driver's license. He is 68 years old. He is missing documentation to establish derivative citizenship through the Child Citizenship Act of 2000. He has a copy of his birth certificate, a copy of his father's naturalization document, a foreign passport, a naturalization document of his mother, a copy of his school record, a passport, a copy of an enlistment contract, and a copy of his DD214. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated that the department supports the approval of the waiver pursuant USCIS regulations.

Hubert Parker motioned to approve the waiver; Anthony Heath seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Stella Young – She is seeking a Georgia ID in the name of Stella Twitty Young. She is 79 years old. Her nickname Peggy was added to her maiden name on her marriage certificate. She has a copy of her birth certificate, a copy of her marriage certificate, a copy of her child's birth certificate, a divorce decree, a Medicare card, a North Carolina ID card, an Insurance letter, a Social Security card and proof of residence. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated that the department supports the approval of the waiver because she has provided sufficient documentation to prove she is Stella Twitty Young.

Anthony Heath motioned to approve the waiver; Dawn Cartee seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

### **Driving School Waivers**

Taggart's Driving School – The school is asking for a waiver under DDS rule 375-5-2-.18 which states that vehicles used for actual behind the wheel instruction shall be ten years old or less. This is the second request for these same (3) 2003 Malibu's. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated that the department does not support the approval of the waiver because Taggart's was granted a waiver in 2013 for the same vehicles.

Jeff Wigington motioned to deny waiver; Hubert Parker seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Taggart's Driving School – The school is asking for a waiver under DDS rule 375-5-2-.18 which states that vehicles used for actual behind the wheel instruction shall be ten years old or less. This is their first request for a waiver for (9) 2005 Chevrolet Malibu's. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated the department supports the approval of the waiver because this is their first request and traditionally we do approve the first request for two years.

Dawn Cartee motioned to approve the waiver; Jeff Wigington seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Tattnall Square Academy - The school is asking for a waiver under DDS rule 375-5-2-.18 which states that vehicles used for actual behind the wheel instruction shall be ten years old or less. This is their first waiver request for this 2005 model vehicle. Ms. Angelique McClendon stated the department supports the approval of the waiver because this is their first request and traditionally we do approve the first request for two years.

Hubert Parker motioned to approve the waiver; Anthony Heath seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

#### **New or Old Business**

The next Board meeting will be held on January 13, 2016.

#### **Adjournment**

There was no further business to discuss; Vice Chairman Lynda Coker called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Jeff Wigington; Anthony Heath seconded the motion with unanimous approval by the remaining Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff Wigington